Dear Bill, 5/10/96

I've just finished the rough draft of another book-length manuscript, this one about 60,000 words. Thanks for the box that came today with your 5/3. When I make the copy of this ms., which is almost all read and corrected, it will be put in that box. Perfect timing. But I anticipate no other immediate need for one. No, I'll have it. I keep the originals in file folders by chapters and I have one of that kind, large enough for file folders.

I avoid books like Zirbel's. If I were younger perhaps I might read some of them but they know nothing about the fact and they write think pieces without knowing what to think about or on. Prouty's book is like that. Worse than a waste of time.

I used to have an account at the Archives when I was working there. It pays no interest but is a convenience.

I've already referred three people to Ramona Branch based on what you've said about her. They were all that way in 1966 but not for long. The 1992 Act covers them now and it is safe for them to be helpful.

On the weather: we had a forcast for 80s today. At almost 2 p.m. it is 60.

You did sound better. Maybe your allergy season is passing off? Hope so!

I've gotten from one of the Hood students the two chapters of the Mailer book she did beginning at the end of the school year last May! I do not know what the other one has done, if anything. She was to have left it with Dr. McKnight and I've not seen him. They are in finals now. But the one who'd worked on the Mailer book is graduating and thinks she'll have about 20 hours a week beginning in about 2-3 weeks so she may get it done before she gets a job. I've not yet looked at those two chapters because my first priority is getting on paper what I can. What she'd done earlier I'd gone over and have the corrections indicated for the future.

Remember, if Charles wants any books, please le me know.

Thanks and best,

Gerald

New ribbon!